

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council

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The students were thrilled with all the February fun this past month. Coming home from school, I'm sure there were many students trying to make their own versions of maple syrup on a stick. The Maple Man was a fantastic finale for Carnival. Walking down the halls, it was great to see all the messages of kindness and encouragement students shared with each other for the Streetheart Classic. Our family Movie night was another success thanks to our Grade seven Grad and Quebec Committees.

The dedication of the Seaforth Community continues to shape our children's lives with wonderful memories. Thank you to everyone who makes this possible.



We need more parent Crosswalk supervisors for April-June! This is a valuable program that keeps the children safe, as well as providing opportunities for students to volunteer. A big thank-you to the parents who have been helping out already, we appreciate your time.

If you are available, please consider picking up a shift or being on our on-call request list. Even taking one or two days a month would help keep the program going. No training required!

Shifts are 15 minutes, either 8:45—9:00AM or 2:55--3:10PM. Vacant shifts: Alternate Tuesday mornings, Thursday afternoons, Friday mornings and afternoons. If you can volunteer on other days, we may be able to juggle the schedule.

Please sign up at the office or contact: Cynthia Ghanason: ghanason@gmail.com, Cheryl Healey chair@seaforthnet.ca for more information.



There's still time to join Seaforth's Sun Run Team! Whether you choose to walk or run the 10K or the 2.5K course, participating in the Vancouver Sun Run is a huge accomplishment and a great way to share a healthy lifestyle with your kids! This year the Sun Run will take place on **Sunday, April 27** in downtown Vancouver. We'll travel to and from the race together in a school bus, and will stop for ice cream on the way home to celebrate our achievement.

To date we have 31 Seaforth participants, but there's room for more! We'll form groups with comparable running speeds that stick together for the race. **Your kids can participate on their own** (without a parent) as long as they train for the event, are capable of completing the 10K and will commit to sticking with their group. We've organized group training sessions for Saturday and Sunday mornings. **The registration deadline is March 21.** Register online at www.vancouver.sunrun.com by choosing Register Now and then Register for a Team (search for Seaforth).

For more information or to join a group training session, email your team captain Rhylin Bailie at rbailie@jproust.ca. Go Seaforth Go!



Spirit Day

Our 2014 Spirit Day Committee has been hard at work planning for our 8th Annual Spirit Day being held on April 25th, but we need MORE SPEAKERS to host workshops.

Spirit Day is an event unique to Seaforth requiring about 40 speakers to make the day a success. We are appealing to you, the parents, to come forth and share your knowledge, skills, and hobbies with our students. If you have enthusiasm for your topic and can share it, the kids will be so very appreciative.

Some workshops could be:

Beginners Origami	Basic Sewing Techniques
Simple Magic Tricks	Host a Mini Olympic Games
Cupcake or Cookie Decorating	Mother's Day Crafts
Gardening	Food and Career Discussion

You don't have to host a workshop alone – grab a friend or two and sign up!

We have a supply of audio/visual equipment as well as sporting equipment should you need it for your workshop. Come be a part of Seaforth's Spirit Day. If you have any questions, or want some more specific suggestions for a workshop, contact Gail Su at gailmsu@hotmail.ca.



Jensen Place-Drop Off

There are no sidewalks located on Jensen Place and there have been several close calls with children walking towards the Seaforth entrance dodging vehicles. We need to work together to keep the kids safe. A collision with a child is not the best way to think twice about how we manage our time. Please consider the available parking on both sides of the street as an alternative. Note: The RCMP accepts photos of drivers who are not following traffic rules and will ticket accordingly.



Have no fear the popcorn will be here! Our popcorn machine has experienced some technical difficulties and will be back in action Friday February 28th. Thank you to Slavi Stanchev for helping to fix our beloved popcorn machine! Slavi's son Georgi graduated from Seaforth in 2013. We certainly appreciate the support of Seaforth alumni and their families. Thank you to Janet Lee as well, who came through with a "loaner" machine for movie night.



Orders for our Seaforth Hot Lunch program will resume March 3rd - 16th. Don't miss this important deadline that will make your (and your child's) Tuesdays terrific.

Seaforth PAC

Please join us for our next PAC meeting on April 9th at 7pm in the library. Free childcare will be provided. We will be voting on an amendment to the Seaforth Parent Advisory Council Constitution and Bylaws. This change will allow for a more inclusive PAC, enabling parents who are employed by the Burnaby School District to serve in specific executive positions. We would like all parents to feel welcome to participate on our team. I encourage you to come out and vote.

Seaforth Parent Advisory Council Constitution and Bylaws

-Proposed amendment-

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General Meeting
January 8th 2014

Report from the Chair: Welcome back and Happy New Year. We have had an amazing December with everyone working together to make great things happen. I would like to acknowledge all the hard work my fellow PAC Members have put in over the holidays. Sandra, Sharon and Annie worked on our successful Angel Project and Annemarie for her perseverance soliciting donations for the students at the Jingle Bell Walk and Annemarie, Hark and Jen for all their help with the teacher’s luncheon. All the teachers have asked me to pass along their appreciation for the enormous effort it took these ladies to make it a success.

Now that January is here we will be looking ahead at new projects. We will be finalizing the requirements for the Seaforth Scholarship. Rhylin Bailie has kindly offered to organize a Sun Run Team for 2014. Planning for Carnival and Spirit Day will begin and the Stream of Dreams Fence Project will be taking place this year as well.

We have two positions available on the PAC Executive: CPF Representative (Canadian Parents for French) and a second Secretary.

There is so much to look forward to at École Seaforth Elementary School I hope you will join us.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Healey
PAC Chairperson
École Seaforth Elementary School

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Principals Report to PAC
8 January 2014

2013 / 2014

CLASS ENROLLMENT

Date: 6 January 2014

DIV	TEACHER	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTALS
1	Moore, Debbie								28	28
2	Lapthorne, Glen							10	18	28
3	Lucarelli, Gino							7	21	28
4	Whitney, Tasha						9	15		24
5	Mollica, Tina						9	18		27
6	Bisceglia, Teresa						10	17		27
7	Boulanger, Jennifer					15	12			27
8	March, George					16	8			24
9	Bastone, Elena					18	9			27
10	Richter, Anne Louise				16	6				22
11	Glavas, Lynda / Lundie, Carolyn			9	14					23
12	Hanson, Loraine				23					23
13	Gayton, Renee			17	7					24
14	Kaga, Kathy		6	14						20
15	Sharples, Lorelei		17	7						24
16	Papapanagiotou, Soula	11	10							21
17	Robson, Kari		21							21
18	Graham, Pat		11	11						22
19	Tazumi, Pam	21								21
20	Hope, Stephanie	19								19
21	Gillingham, Megan	21								21
	French Immersion TOTALS	32	27	24	23	22	17	22	21	188
	English TOTALS	40	38	34	37	33	40	45	46	313
Total Students										501

Please see the enrolment report above.

Welcome to 2104 everyone!!! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas Holiday and enjoyed lots of family time together.

Thank you to the many parents and community members who helped with our Annual Jingle Bell Walk. It was a huge success once again, despite the rather nasty weather on collection day. Our students didn't seem to mind because, thanks to PAC, they had timbits and hot chocolate to look forward to upon their return. Thanks also to Tim Hortons!! My thanks to the staff for their help and support of this very important event. We feel very strongly that it is important to help teach our children the importance of 'giving back'. Other projects like the Christmas Angel Project, organized by Sandra Mankoo (and Max) and the toonie Tuesdays for Typhoon Haiyan help teach students valuable lessons about helping others. We thank everyone for their support.

We appreciate so many of you attending our Winter Concerts this year. Our grade seven students took the lead and did an excellent job. Our choirs certainly did contribute a great deal as well. Thank you to Mme Whitney and Ms. Dawe as well for the tremendous time and effort they put into the productions.

Our Safety Patrol is going well. Thanks to parents for paying attention and slowing down and respecting the STOP signs of our Safety Patrollers. We could still use more parent volunteers. Please let myself or Cynthia Ghanason know if you are able to help. If we do not have a parent volunteer for a particular shift, we do not put our student monitors out to patrol the crosswalk. The number of parent volunteers we have for supervising the students is not going well. We are still in need of more parent volunteers. If we do not get the required number we need, I am considering cancelling the program all together. We simply cannot have the children out there alone and I cannot continue to be out there as much as I have been. We need more parents to step forward or we will no longer have a program. Thanks to PAC for your support in realizing it is important to have an adult out there with the student patrollers.

Parents please remember that the Drop Off and Pick Up Zone in front of the school is just that. It is NOT for parking. You should just be there for 30 seconds or less to drop off or pick up your children. Sitting and waiting in this area backs up traffic and creates problems further up Piper and for the Safety Patrol Monitors on the cross walk as well. Please do not sit and park in this area. There are 'No Parking' signs posted. This includes sitting in your vehicle waiting for your children. Please, we need everyone's cooperation with this. Thank You! This is becoming a problem again since we have returned from holidays. It is somewhat frustrating because everyone is aware of the rules yet we continue to have problems out there. I am not too sure what the solution is.

Many many thanks to so many parents for their work on the Santa Breakfast on the last day. What a treat for all of us. Special thanks to Dal Sidhu and Meishan Cheung for coordinating this special event for our school. They certainly had a great many elves to help them. What a wonderful way for us to start our Holidays. THANKS! Students started their Holidays with a wonderful Snowman cookie on the last day of school compliments of Starbucks at Lougheed Mall.

I have attached a copy of some Parent Information Sessions on District Programs that are coming up very quickly. This information has also been sent out on the listserve.

Upcoming Events:

- Grade 7 French Immersion Parent Meeting – Cariboo Hill – January 9 - 6.45pm
- Terrific Tuesday – Grades 1 and 3 – Zumba Dancing – January 14
- Artstarts Performance – January 15
- Multi Age Cluster Class Information Meeting – Burnaby Central – January 15 – 7pm
- FI Parent Meeting – Alpha Secondary – January 20 – 7pm
- Carnaval – January 27 – 31
- Sreetheart Classic – February 3 – 14
- BC Family Day – HOLIDAY – February 10
- District Pro D Day – February 21

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes, corrections were made to the spelling of two names. The Minutes have been approved and can be distributed.

3. There are two Executive positions available if anyone is interested. We are in need of a CPF representative and a second secretary.

4. **Crossing guard and traffic-** if we don't get more parent volunteers we will not be able to continue with the program. The kids are showing up for their shifts each day and there is not always a parent there to supervise. We appreciate the parents that are helping out, but if there is no adult available then there is no shift and the kids are sent home. We need help. Mr. Hiltz has offered to alternate Fridays but cannot cover all shifts.

Parents don't feel comfortable leaving the kids volunteering for crosswalk duty outside without an adult. Motorists are more aware if there are parents with the kids and this will help prevent potential accidents. We want everyone to be safe. It will be nice to have more adults volunteering to keep this program running effectively.

5. **December Newsletter-**The Angel Project and Tsunami Relief taught the kids the importance of giving back to the community and helped the kids in need. It also helped support families who were struggling financially this holiday season.

6. **CPF** has a French film festival coming up on Feb. 20th at Silvercity open to students in the Burnaby School District. Information will be sent home with parents in the Feb. newsletter.

There are also information sessions for late and early French Immersion programs coming up January 16th 7pm at Cariboo Hill Secondary.

7. Seaforth Scholarship-The Seaforth PAC would like to offer a \$500 scholarship open to both Burnaby Mountain and Cariboo students.

There are a number of other elementary schools in the Burnaby District that are offering a program and Seaforth would like to offer a scholarship as well. Scholarships are not about marks and academics. Stoney Creek has applicants write essays “How do you give in your school community, How do you get involved in it?”

Many other school’s scholarships are based on giving to the community. Jen Mezei will put together scholarship application requirements for Seaforth based upon discussion at the PAC general meeting. We will use Government criteria as per RESP grants and the student will have to provide an enrolment receipt for secondary institution. The students will complete the applications and a committee from Seaforth will award the scholarships.

8. Playground Committee-We are working with the School District grounds rep. and a representative from Habitat to come up with a sport court design. Funding for playground upgrade is still ongoing. We should have more information in 2014.

9. Stream of Dreams Fence Project- The project will be taking place the week of May 26th-30th and will require many volunteers. Cheryl Tong and Jen Mezei will be organizing volunteers. Staff can do some lessons with the kids on coloring the fish.

10. Spirit Day-Gail has put together a newsletter for parents to be distributed. Spirit Day will be held on April 25th 2014 this year and the theme will be Around the World. Anyone interested in hosting a workshop can contact Gail at gailmsu@hotmail.ca

11. Carnival-The date for this year’s Carnival will be May 30th 2014 and a meeting will be set up once the details are confirmed. Zena Kwan and Annie Hobson will be organizing this event and will be looking for more volunteers to help this day run smoothly.

12. Earthquake Committee-We are waiting for the information binder on earthquake safety from the North Vancouver school board. Mr. Hiltz has been in contact with parent volunteers for this committee.

13. Hot Lunch-Hot lunch ordering was closed after the Dec. 20th 2013 date and was opened again for a few days at the beginning of January. Orders have been processed and we thank you for your support.

14. Seaforth Sun Run Team-PAC is organizing a Seaforth Sun Run Team this year, taking place on **Sunday, April 27th 2014**. Please email Rhylin Bailie at rbailie@jproust.ca for registration and training information. There is a sign up for a mini run too.

15. Quebec/Grade seven Grad-A Family Movie night is being organized for February 14th 2014 at 5 pm. 1st movie on 5:30pm for 30 minutes. Pizza and hot dog dinner packages available. A childcare option will also be offered for an additional fee

16. Terrific Tuesday-Terrific Tuesday is back once again on January 14th at 12:15 in the gym. Cheryl Tong has organized Zumba classes that will be available to students in Grade 1 and 3. April 22nd for Kindergarten and Grade 2 and May 13th.

